

**Robert Dinwiddie to Robert Stewart, November 15, 1757,  
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**FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE TO CAPTAIN STEWART.**

WILLIAMSBURG Novr. 15th. 1757

SIR

I recd. Your Letter by Jenkins last Night—The violent Complaint Colo. Washington labors under gives me great Concern, it was unknown to me or he shou'd have had Leave of Absence sooner, & I am very glad he did not delay following the Doctr's. Advice, to try a Change of Air, I sincerely wish him a speedy Recovery.

I observe what You write in regard to the Contractor, & Instructions given to Capt. Waggoner all which I approve of—I desire You will in Your next give me a List of Deserters recd. & to whom the Money was paid, as I have been much troubled with Applications for the Reward;—it is wrong to pay the Constables, for they are not the People that apprehend them —

I wrote You lately about Yr. waiting on Lord Loudoun, & if You obtain Colo. Washington's Consent I shall not to object to Your going to the No. w. as You propose, & heartily wish You Success.

I am Respectfully Sir Your Most hble Servant ROBT. DINWIDDIE. <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> This is a kindly letter from the governor, and shows that he was not entirely devoid of sympathy. If his "confusion, uncertainty, and waywardness" had been exhibited towards any one other than Washington, might

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not certain views of him be somewhat modified, and a higher standing in American annals be accorded to him? It has been said that he was one of the best governors that Virginia ever had.